to the Cable Act, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (d) No amendment is proposed in the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995. After monitoring the position closely and after extensive discussions with various stakeholders including Broadcasters, Multi System Operators, Cable Operators, Consumer Groups, etc., it has been decided to roll out.CAS in a zonal phased manner in the metros of Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata and in the entire Chennai Metropolitan area, w.e.f. 1.9.2003. The intervening period will be utilized to step up preparedness for smooth roll out of CAS and for educating and creating awareness amongst the subscribers. Notification issued on 10th July, 2003 is available on the Ministry's website, "www.mib.nic.in".

Revival of licences for Radio and T.V. sets

88. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to revive licences for radio and T.V. sets which were withdrawn some decades ago;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what would be the amount of licences for radio and T.V. sets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Dual system under CAS

†89. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that consumers are in a great difficulty due to the dual system under CAS;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to check the arbitrariness of the cable operators;

(c) the details of the classification of free-to-air channels and pay channels; and

(d) whether the science and sports related channels have been included in the free-to-air channel group?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (d) After monitoring the position very closely and after extensive discussions with various stakeholders, *viz.* Broadcasters, Multi System Operators (MSOs), Cable Operators, Consumer Groups, etc. it has been decided to roll out CAS in a phased zone-wise manner in the metros of Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata and at one go in Chennai Metropolitan area, w.e.f. 1.9.2003. Notification has been issued on 10th July, 2003 and is available in Ministry's website, www.mib.nic.in. The intervening period will be utilized to step up preparedness for smooth roll out CAS and for educating the subscribers. Government has specified Rs. 72/- (Plus taxes) as the maximum price of basic service tier, consisting of not less than 30 free-to-air channels of different genres of entertainment, news, sports, children's programmes and music. Free-to-air channels beyond 30 would also be available to subscribers within the said maximum amount. As on date details of channels which have informed the Ministry about their status as FTA or pay are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of channels which have informed the Ministry about their status as FTA or pay

I. List of free-to-air (F.T.A.) channels

SI.No.	Name of the Company	Name of the channel
1.	Sahara T.V.	1. Sahara Manoranjan Sahara
2.	Sadhna Channel	2. Samay (National) Sahara Samay
3.	SAB T.V.	3. (Regional UP.) 4. Sadhna 5. SAB T.V.

SI.No	. Name of the Company	Name of the channel
4.	Channel Guide Media Limited	6. Channel Guide Info T.V.
5.	Trinity Broadcasting Network	7. TBN
6.	Shop 24 seven	8. Shop 24 seven
7.	Udaya T.V.	9. Udaya T.V.
8.	Sun T.V.	10. Sun T.V. 11. Surya T.V. 12. Ushe T.V. 13. Uday News
9.	Gyan Darshan—Indira Gandhi Open University (Electonic media production centre)	14. Gyan Darshan (Gen. Education) 15. -do- (Interactive channel) 16. -do- (Eklavya Technology) 17. -do- (Agrl. Channel—to start soon)
10.	Reminiscent India T.V. Limited	19. Lashkara (Punjabi) 20. Gurjari (Gujarati)
11.	M.T.V. India P. Ltd.	21. M.T.V. (Music T.V.)
12.	B4U	22. B4U Music
13.	Asianet Communication Ltd.	23. Asianet 24. Asianet News/Gulf
14.	Ushodaya Enterprises Ltd.	25. ETV-Telugu " 26. Bangia 27. " Marathi 28. Kannada 29. " Urdu 30. Gujarati 31. " Oriya 32. " U.P.

SI.No .	Name of the Company	Name of the channel
		33. ETV M.P.
		34. " Rajasthan
		35. " Bihar
15.	Dish Asia Ltd.	36. TRT Tamil Oli
16.	F.T.V.	37. Fashion T.V.
17.	T.V. To-day Network Ltd.	38. Aaj Tak
		39. Headlines To-day
18.	MH one T.V. Network Ltd.	40. MH 1 (Music Hits One)
19.	Raj T.V. Networks Ltd.	41. Raj Music
		42. Vissa
20.	TMG Enter	43. TMG Enter
21.	Star T.V.	44. Star News
22.	Ary Digital	45. Ary Digital
		46. The Musik

List of F.T.A. Channels of Doordarshan

Prasar Bharati Corporation	1. D.D.1 National
	2. D.D.2 Metro
	3. D.D. Bharati
	4. D.D. India
	5. D.D. Kashir
	6. D.D. Punjabi
	7. D.D.Gujarati
	8. D.D. North-East
	9. D.D. Bangla
	10. D.D. Oriya
	11. D.D.Sahayadri (Marathi)

SI.No.	Name of the Company	Name of the channel
		12. D.D.Telugu
		13. D.D.Kannada
		14. D.D. Tamil (Podigai)
		15. D.D. Malayalam
		16. D.D.Gyandarshan
		17. D.D. U.P.
		18. D.D. Rajasthan
		19. D.D. M.P.
		20. D.D. Himachal
		21. D.D. Bihar
		22. D.D. Sports
		23. D.D. Uttaranchal
		24. D.D. Jharkhand
		25. D.D. Chhattisgarh
		26. D.D. Haryana
II. List of Pay Channels		
1.	Set Discovery P. Ltd.	1. Sony Ent.Television
		2. Max
		3. HBO
		4. Discovery (English)
		5. AXN
		6. Animal Planet
		7. Discovery (Hindi)
		8. NDTV India
		9. NDTV 24 x 7
2.	Gemini T.V.	10. Gemini T.V.

Sl.No	Name of the Company	Name of the channel
		11. Teja T.V.
3.	Sun T.V.	12. Sun News
		13. K.T.V.
		14. SCV
4.	Silkroute Network	15. Action T.V. (English)
5.	M.T.V. India P. Ltd.	16. Nickelodeon
6.	B4U	17. B4U Movies
7.	ESPN Software Ltd.	18. ESPN India
		19. Star Sports
8.	MAA Television Ltd.	20. MAA TV
9.	Dish Asia Ltd.	21. TRT Cinema Channel
10.	FTV	22. Fashion X TV
11.	Raj T.V. Network Ltd.	23. Raj T.V.
		24. Raj Digital Plus
12.	Star T.V.	25. Star Plus
		26. Star Gold
		27. NGC
		28. ADV-1
		29. Star Movies
		30. Star World
		31. (V) Channel
		32. Vijay T.V.
13.	Less T.V.	33. Less T.V.
14.	Zee Turner	34. Zee T.V
		35. Zee Cinema
		36. Zee News
		37. Alpha-Punjabi

SI.No.	Name of the Company	Name of the channel
		38. Alpha Gujarati
		39. -do- Marathi
		40. -do- Bengali
		41. Cartoon Network
		42. Zee NGM
		43. Zee English
		44. CNBC
		45. CNN
		46. Trendz
		47. Reality
15.	Ten Sports	48. Ten Sports
16.	Hallmark Channel	49. Hallmark Channel

Guidelines for DTH licence

90. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines for granting the Direct-To-Home licence to the Electronic Media TV;

(b) whether the guidelines have been followed in all the cases before granting letter of intent during the last one year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Detailed guidelines for starting DTH service were issued in March, 2001. The guidelines, *inter alia,* provide that:—

- The licensee company shall be an Indian company, registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956;
- Licensee shall adhere to programme and advertisement codes